

**Jail Population Management Subcommittee
of the
Sanford “Sandy” Krasnoff Criminal Justice Council**

MEETING AGENDA

Monday, February 26, 2018

1:30pm – 3:00pm

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| I. | Opening | Judge Calvin Johnson |
| II. | Jail Population Snapshots | Sarah Schirmer |
| III. | OPSO Analytic Capacity Building | Steven Primeaux |
| IV. | Office of Performance and Accountability -
Opportunities for Analytics Support | Steven Primeaux, Melissa Schigoda |
| V. | Criminal Justice Council Value Framework | Sarah Schirmer |
| VI. | JPM Subcommittee Resolution | Subcommittee Members |
| VII. | Subcommittee Member Updates | Open to Members |

Criminal Justice Council Jail Population Management Subcommittee Minutes

February 26, 2018

On February 26th, the Jail Population Management Subcommittee of the Criminal Justice Council convened at 1:40 p.m. in the 8th Floor Homeland Security Conference Room in City Hall. The following persons were present/absent:

Jail Population Management Subcommittee

Present:

Criminal Justice Commissioner Calvin Johnson –
Subcommittee Chair
Deputy Chief Paul Noel, New Orleans Police Department
Terrie Guerin, Clerk of Court's Office
Derwyn Bunton, Orleans Public Defenders
Tobie Lamy, Probation and Parole
Virginia Ryan, Orleans Parish Sherriff's Office
Jonathan Wisbey, Chief Administrative Office
Deputy City Attorney Charlene Larche-Mason
Judge Camille Buras, Criminal District Court
Carol McDonald for Councilmember Susan Guidry
Al Christophe, Community Representative
Karen Wong, Community Representative

Absent:

Chris Bowman, District Attorney's Office
Director Darnley Hodge, Orleans Parish
Sherriff's Office
Judge Harry Cantrell, Criminal District Court
Samantha François, Community Representative

Presenters

Melissa Schigoda, Office of Performance and
Accountability
Steven Primeaux, Office of Performance and
Accountability

Office of Criminal Justice Coordination

Sarah Schirmer
Amanda Simpkins
Shelbi Flynn

I. Opening

Commissioner Johnson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

II. Jail Population Trends

Sarah Schirmer presented average daily population (ADP) data and jail population composition trends. January's ADP was 1,414, slightly lower than in December (1,427). This is the lowest population since 1979, representing a 12.5% reduction since the beginning of the SJC challenge and 60% achievement towards the goal population of 1,277.

III. OPSO Analytic Capacity Building

Melissa Schigoda, Director of the Office of Performance and Accountability, presented on the work her office has been doing to support the SJC. The City's Office of Performance and Accountability (OPA) focuses on using data to set goals, track performance and improve outcomes. OPA's main initiatives include ResultsNOLA, which tracks performance to hold departments accountable and NOLAnalytics, which uses data to provide insight and improve service delivery.

OPA has been working with OCJC and OPSO to identify factors associated with unreasonably long jail stays. Using the data exchange server, OPA generates reports that flag individuals who may be in custody due to a purely administrative reason. These reports are sent to the Justice System Administrator on a weekly basis and used to identify individuals who should be released, as well as opportunities for process improvements.

A member of the public, Dr. Andrea Armstrong, asked if this information will be made available to the public. Sarah Schirmer responded that these particular reports include confidential information, but that there may be a way to share aggregate data.

Derwyn Bunton suggested that the CAG consider what information would be valuable to them and make specific requests accordingly.

IV. Office of Performance and Accountability - Opportunities for Analytics Support

Sarah Schirmer asked the Subcommittee to consider what data will be needed as we move towards the next phase of SJC and formulate a new plan.

Jonathan Wisbey noted that transferring OPA's analytics work to the Sheriff's Office might help ensure ownership and sustainability.

Community representative Karen Wong asked if it would be possible to review the data fields OPA is using to generate their reports in order to have a better grasp of what is being tracked and what information is available.

A member of the public, Janet Hays, suggested that it would be useful to have more mental health data.

V. Criminal Justice Council Value Framework

Sarah Schirmer presented the Criminal Justice Council's Value Framework, which the Council approved last week. The framework includes vision and mission statements for the Council, and goals and performance measures based off those statements to drive the Council's work in 2018. One of the goals included in the framework is to reduce the average daily jail population through the JPM Subcommittee.

VI. JPM Subcommittee Resolution

Sarah Schirmer led a discussion about how the Subcommittee can ensure that its work continues, proposing a resolution as a mechanism to make the will of the body known.

Judge Buras expressed her support for developing a resolution, noting that it will be helpful to have in preparation for the new administration. Commissioner Johnson agreed that a resolution is a good way to present the significance of the Subcommittee and its work.

Sarah Schirmer guided the Subcommittee through draft whereas clauses that form the foundation for the resolution and requested feedback from members. The group discussed what should be included in the resolution, with contributions from members of the Subcommittee and the public. The discussion highlighted that the Subcommittee has made tremendous progress in terms of the level of transparency, accountability and information sharing. Members also noted that the group has moved away from exclusively theoretical discussion towards problem-solving and tactical solutions. The group provided suggestions for resolution content, including initiative-specific goals and general priorities, such as: mental health, accountability, community involvement, data-driven approach, and technology. Broader influential factors that affect jail population, such as re-entry, housing, and education, were also discussed.

OCJC will develop language based on Subcommittee's feedback and circulate a draft resolution prior to the next meeting.

VII. Subcommittee Member Updates

Community representative Al Christophe expressed an interest in hearing from the interim compliance director about his priorities, particularly in light of the most recent jail monitor's report. Commissioner Johnson responded that Director Hodge will be invited to speak at the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 2:54 p.m.